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Dear brother Sadiq al Mahdi,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatahu,

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Council I congratulate you on your success in the recent elections. May Allah guide and help you in shouldering successfully the heavy duties that lie ahead. May also the new government, which inshallah you will form, mark the beginning of an era of peace, progress and prosperity for the people of the Sudan.

We, as you know, have always been proud of and greatly valued your long association with the Council and your valuable contributions to its work. Among the various fundamental documents in whose preparation you actively participated is the Model of an Islamic Constitution. I am confident that the new constitution of the Sudan will derive inspiration from this document.

We earnestly hope and pray that you will seek and secure the full cooperation and support of the various groups, especially the Islamic groups, to form a strong national government. Allah has given you the opportunity to lay the foundations of an Islamic state in the Sudan. May Allah crown your efforts with success so that other Muslim countries, especially the neighbouring Muslim countries are encouraged to emulate Sudan's example.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam
Secretary General